

SALUDA RIVER PADDLING GUIDE

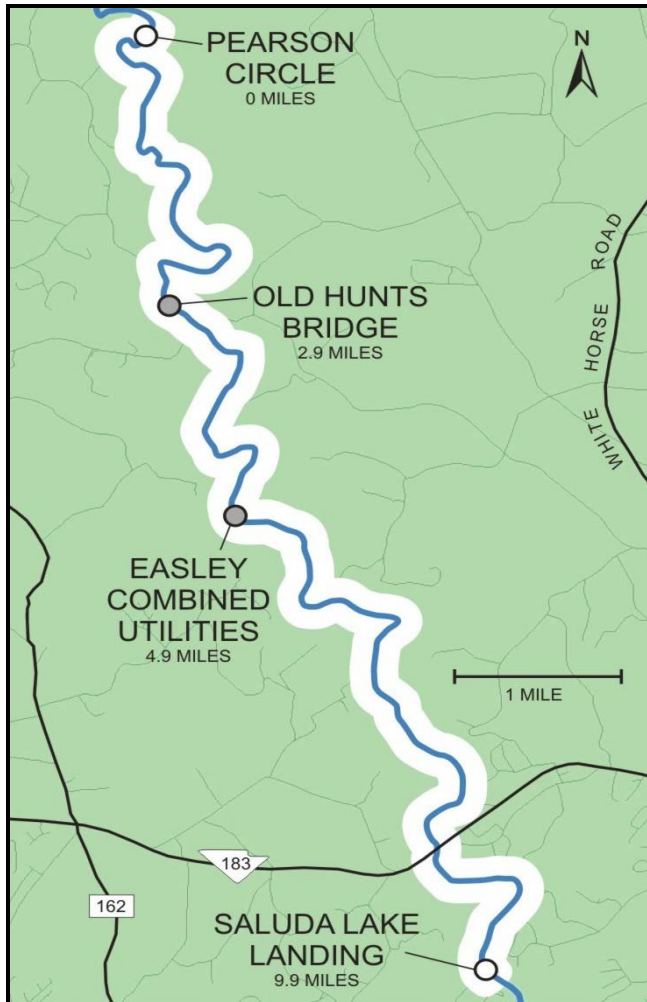
PEARSON ACCESS TO SALUDA LAKE LANDING

Topo Map Dacusville; Paris Mountain

County Pickens, Greenville

Reach Pearson Circle to Saluda Landing

| Drop | Difficulty | Distance | Scenery | Water Quality |
|------|------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| 24' | Moderate | 9.9 miles | Good | Good/Fair |



Difficulties/Landmarks* At the put in, there is a small upstream ledge that can be ascended. At 0.3 miles is a set of several ledges, at 1.2 miles the North Saluda enters from river left resulting in several riffles below, and at 1.4 miles and higher water levels, a Class 3 set of ledges/slides occur. Scout from river left. At certain water levels a small popup hole will develop on river left at a cleft in the primary ledge. Hunts Bridge is located at 2.9 miles and 2 hours time. For several miles below Hunts Bridge the river is fairly shallow and silted-in with approximately half-a-dozen log crossings necessary. In the future and at 4.9 miles, Easley Combined Utilities Company has granted a lease and made available land for the construction of an additional access point in Pickens County on Red River Road. However, this site is not available at this time. The river begins to back up after about 3.5 hours trip time and basically turns into Lake Saluda at 7.1 miles or 4.5 hours trip time. Farr's Bridge is located at 8.5 miles. Shortly thereafter, there is a sand dredging operation underway, where a cable is stretched from one side of the lake to the other. Also, the sand pump hose is stretched out into the lake. Please avoid these obstacles due to their hazardous nature. The Lake is fairly well silted-in, but seemed to be deepest along the left shore bank. Once in the larger open area of the Lake it will appear to divide in two. Follow the left

* Rain, drought, and dam releases may greatly influence river flow.

bank and then continue back to the left to the Saluda Landing take out. Approximately 3 miles below the take out is the Saluda Lake Dam. Although portage here is allowed, it is impractical; however access is allowed below the dam. Both riverbanks are private property for the majority of the reach.



Put In @ Pearson Access-----From the intersection of Farr's Bridge Road (SC 183) and White Horse Road (US 25 Bypass) travel north on US 25 Bypass 1.8 miles, and then turn left onto Old White Horse Road (S-23-199), then left onto Old Hunts Bridge Road (S-23-132) at 2.3 miles. At 6.2 miles cross the Saluda River into Pickens County and immediately turn right onto Hunts Bridge Road (S-39-140), then veer right at 7.1 miles remaining on Hunts Bridge Road (S-39-140), then at 7.9 miles turn right onto Wagon Ford Road at The Church of God of Prophecy, at 8.4 miles turn right onto Pearson Circle. The put-in site and parking are located on the first vacant lot on the right between the river and Pearson Circle. This site is private property where permission has been granted for access, so observe it as such.



Take Out @ Saluda Lake Landing-----From the intersection of Farr's Bridge Road (SC 183) and White Horse Road (US 25 Bypass) take US 25 Bypass 0.3 miles south, then turn right onto Motor Boat Club Road (K-135), at 1.6 miles the take out will be on the left at the Saluda Landing. The site is occupied by a commercial grade-level motorboat landing, bait and tackle shop where a charge of five dollars is required to park on site. The fee is good for 24 hours.



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